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Committed to the future of rural communities.

WATER AND WASTE DIRECT LOANS AND GRANTS

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PURPOSE:

- ◆ Provide financial assistance to communities for water and waste facilities in rural areas up to 10,000 population.
- ◆ Provide loan and grant funds for projects serving the most financially needy communities, resulting in reasonable user costs for rural residents, rural businesses and other rural users.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- ◆ Public body such as a city, county, district, or other political subdivision.
- ◆ An organization operated on a not-for-profit basis such as an association, cooperative, or private corporation.
- ◆ Federally recognized Indian tribe.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ Project must have adequate capacity to serve existing population and reasonable growth.
- ◆ Applicant must be unable to obtain credit elsewhere.
- ◆ Applicant must have legal authority and responsibility to own, construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facility.
- ◆ Water and waste disposal systems must be consistent with any development plans of state, city or county, in which the proposed project is located.
- ◆ All facilities must comply with federal, state, and local laws including those concerned with zoning regulations, health and sanitation standards and the control of water pollution.

ELIGIBLE PURPOSES: Loans and Grants

- ◆ Construct, enlarge, extend or otherwise improve rural water, sanitary sewage, solid waste disposal and storm wastewater disposal facilities.
- ◆ Relocate buildings, roads, bridges, fences or utilities associated with project.
- ◆ Payment of utility connection charges.
- ◆ Reasonable fees and costs such as: engineering, legal, administrative, environmental analysis, surveys, and planning.
- ◆ Costs of acquiring interest in land; rights, such as water rights, leases, permits, rights-of-way, etc.
- ◆ Purchase or renting equipment.
- ◆ Cost of applicant labor or other expenses.
- ◆ Connecting user to the main line.

ELIGIBLE PURPOSES: Loans Only

- ◆ Interest incurred during construction.
- ◆ Initial operating expenses.
- ◆ Purchase of existing systems.
- ◆ Refinancing existing debt.

SECURITY:

- ◆ Loans will be secured by the best security position practicable in a manner that will adequately protect the interest of the Government.
- ◆ Bonds or notes pledging taxes, assessments, or revenues may be accepted as security if they meet statutory requirements.
- ◆ A mortgage may also be taken on the organization's facilities if state law allows.

INTEREST RATES:

- ◆ Interest rates are set periodically.
- ◆ Once a loan is approved the rate remains fixed for the term of the loan.
- ◆ Currently rates are dependent on the median household income for

the service area and health or standards violations.
(check with the Rural Development Area Office for current rates)

TERMS:

- ◆ Maximum term on all loans is 40 years. However, no repayment period will exceed any statutory limitation on the organization's borrowing authority nor the useful life of the facility or improvement to be financed.

GRANT FUNDS:

- ◆ Used in conjunction with Rural Development loans.
- ◆ Can range from 45 to 75 % of the eligible development costs dependent upon the median household income of the service area and if system is in violation of health or sanitary standards.
- ◆ Grant funds are available for facilities serving the most needy communities to reduce user costs to a reasonable level.
- ◆ Grant funds can not be used to reduce user costs to a level less than similar system user costs.

APPLICATIONS:

- ◆ Applications may be submitted at any time and compete for funding with other applications on hand.
- ◆ USDA, Rural Development will advise the applicant on how to assemble information to determine engineering feasibility, economic soundness, cost estimates, organization, financing, and management matters in connection with the proposed improvements.
- ◆ For further information contact the USDA, Rural Development Area Office serving your county.